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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Sir:

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Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (9 pages).
- [ X ] Informal drawings (2 sheets, Figures 1-8).
- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
- [ X ] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [ X ] Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of 5 listed reference(s).
- [ X ] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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